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ONLINE SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS

As a person using the Internet, you have lots of freedom and many options open to you. But more freedom also means more responsibility. While online, please respect other users and respect yourself: Be nice to people online, and do not give out any private information about yourself or your family. To keep you safe, your parents probably have their own guidelines for using the computer at home. It's important to follow those guidelines. Here are some additional tips to help you surf the web safely.

The following are Online Safety Tips for Kids

1. Do not give out any personal information such as address, telephone number, parents' work address/telephone number, or the name or location of your school without parents' permission.
2. If you ever encounter something online that you do not understand or makes you feel uncomfortable tell a parent right away.
3. Never get together with someone you meet online without asking your parents' permission first. If a meeting is decided, make sure it is a public place and bring one or both parents along.
4. Do not send any pictures of yourself to anyone without your parents' permission first.
5. Do not respond to any message that makes you feel uncomfortable. It is not your fault if you get a message like that, and it is okay to tell your parents no matter what it is.
6. Do not pick screen names that give away personal information.
7. Obey your parents' rules for computer and online use. Always make sure it is okay before going online.
8. Remember that people may not be who they say they are.

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